



MURDER AT THE MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE

(7-9 Guests Electronic Version)

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SYNOPSIS

The citizens of New Orleans are thrilled that the owners of the old Madison Avenue Mansion are hosting the annual Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball again this year. However, everybody knows that when events are held at the mansion, something always goes wrong. The estate is an infamous manor, built in the mid-1800s, and rumored to be haunted by malevolent ghosts. Wedding ceremonies held there end in divorce, visiting travelers go missing, and even one time during a gala event, an uninvited ninja trying to rob the guests choked to death after stealing a bite of king cake!

Nonetheless, outside of a few mishaps, the Mardi Gras galas are the talk of the town. You're a thrill seeker and wish to attend the event. You had insider information that space was limited, so you were first in line to get your tickets. You've picked out the perfect mask. This is where your story begins.

CHARACTER LIST FOR THE HOST

7 required players and 2 optional players. All players can be played by either gender. The optional players will not be aware they were optional during gameplay, as they have the same materials as the required players.

CHARACTER	BRIEF BIO	SUGGESTED COSTUME
<p>PROFESSOR ALEX NEWTON <i>Biology Professor</i> REQUIRED EITHER</p>	<p>The charismatic Alex Newton is the ultimate absent-minded professor. Inquire about science, and you'll be blown away by Alex's intellect. Ask about anything else, and you'll hear nothing besides average chatter.</p>	<p><i>A business suit or a lab jacket. A Mardi Gras mask as an optional prop.</i></p>
<p>SAM CHAWPALOT <i>Butcher</i> REQUIRED EITHER</p>	<p>If you looked up narcissism in the dictionary, Sam Chawpalot's handsome mug would be plastered by the description. Sam is the friendly, self-loving neighborhood butcher with a slight exaggeration problem.</p>	<p><i>Apron and butcher's hat. Plastic butcher knife as an optional prop. A Mardi Gras mask as an optional prop.</i></p>
<p>DALLAS EWING <i>Tycoon</i> REQUIRED EITHER</p>	<p>Dallas Ewing is on an expedition searching for new business opportunities. Everyone is growing tired of the media exposing Dallas Ewing's troubles - especially the good people of New Orleans! Egotistical & spoiled are two words that sum up this mogul.</p>	<p><i>Glamorous evening attire. Money, gold and jewels spewing out of every pocket, etc. A glamorous Mardi Gras mask as an optional prop.</i></p>
<p>MAX CRIMSON <i>Celebrity</i> REQUIRED EITHER</p>	<p>Max Crimson is the most captivating celebrity you will ever see on TV! On camera, Max is ideal in every way – someone you'd love to have as a friend. Off the lens, Max is nothing but a lazy couch potato with outrageous ill-mannered behavior. If you are looking for a new best friend, avoid Max at all costs!</p>	<p><i>Trendy evening attire with a non-toxic marker for autographs as an optional prop. An elaborate Mardi Gras mask as an optional prop.</i></p>
<p>ANDI FLOUR <i>Pastry Chef</i> REQUIRED EITHER</p>	<p>Oh, the delicacies that this boisterous baker can create! Andi Flour is the finest pastry chef in all of New Orleans! When Andi bakes, the sweet aroma travels to the edges of town, and the townspeople flock to the <i>Flour Bakery</i> to get a bite of Andi's creations.</p>	<p><i>Chef's hat and chef's jacket with rolling pin as an optional prop. A Mardi Gras mask as an optional prop.</i></p>
<p>PAULY TISHON <i>Mayor of New Orleans</i> REQUIRED EITHER</p>	<p>There are two sides to Mayor Pauly Tishon, and only one of them should you care to meet! If you have something to offer Pauly, the mayor will be super accommodating and kind. However, double-crossing this politician is not advised.</p>	<p><i>Business suit. Any political propaganda (i.e. vote buttons) as optional accessories.</i></p>

<p>BOBBI PEN <i>Hairstylist</i> REQUIRED EITHER</p>	<p>Don't bother buying a hairstyle magazine if you plan to sit in Bobbi Pen's styling chair, as there's only one <i>cut and style</i> that Bobbi knows – a Mohawk! Unless you are into the alternative lifestyle, don't make an appointment with this gossiping stylist.</p>	<p><i>Trendy and fashionable outfit. Optional to wear a Mohawk wig. A trendy Mardi Gras mask as an optional prop.</i></p>
<p>LOU LYALOT <i>Criminal Defense Attorney</i> OPTIONAL EITHER</p>	<p>'Liar, liar, pants on fire' was undoubtedly made up about Lou Lyalot. If freedom is your desire, you want this obnoxious criminal defense attorney on your side of the courtroom, even if you <i>are</i> guilty of murder! Lou makes ambulance chasers look like Peace Corps volunteers!</p>	<p><i>Business suit with an obnoxious tie. Fake business cards as optional props. A Mardi Gras mask as an optional prop.</i></p>
<p>PRINCIPAL THIBODAUX <i>High School Principal</i> OPTIONAL EITHER</p>	<p>Is it Principal Thibodaux or Principal Loony? Well, the latter is what the kids not-so-lovingly nicknamed this administrator at Boudreaux High school. Teens beware: rumor has it that not everyone sent to the principal's office makes it back to class. Some teens are never seen nor heard from again!</p>	<p><i>Conservative business suit. A Mardi Gras mask as an optional prop.</i></p>

Host Instructions

FULL HOST INSTRUCTIONS ARE IN THE PURCHASED GAME.

GAME STRUCTURE: the game is organized into four rounds and is structured as follows:

OPTIONAL PRE-GAME STARTER: these optional pre-game tasks are to be delivered to each guest before the party, or give them to the guests as they arrive. All pre-game materials are optional. They are intended to enhance the build-up for the event. These tasks are not vital to solving the mystery. Also, encourage your guests to view the Your Mystery Party guest pre-game website to get them excited about your game (this is highly encouraged).

ROUND ONE: Deliver the round one clue card envelopes as your guests arrive. It is optional to serve cocktails for adults and appetizers.

ROUND TWO: Deliver the round two clue card envelopes. It is optional to break for dinner either before or after this round.

SOLUTION ROUND THREE: Deliver the round three solutions. It is optional to serve coffee/hot cocoa and dessert.

Don't host a party without some type of food/beverage offering - hungry guests are not happy guests.

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Example Timeline

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- 7:00 PM:** Guests arrive. Take guest photos and serve refreshments. Have the invited guest list available for the guests to view as they trickle into the party. Once everybody has arrived, snap a group photo!
- 7:10 PM:** The host goes over the guest instructions for the mystery game. It is optional to have each character stand up and introduce themselves to the group. You can play the game trailer video for an introduction.
- 7:20 PM:** The round one clue cards are handed out, and the game begins. The guests mingle and discuss the clues on their clue cards. Motives will start to unfold during this round.
- 7:50 PM:** An optional bonus game is played.
- 8:05 PM:** An optional dinner is served. Snacks can be served throughout the party instead.
- 8:35 PM:** The round two envelopes are handed out, and the guests mingle about with their pre-murder clues.
- 9:00 PM:** The victim is revealed, and the investigation of the crime begins. The mystery investigation sheets are handed out, and the guests interrogate each other (using the post-murder clues). Each guest should interview every player in the game – at least once.
- 9:15 PM:** The forensic report is revealed.
- 9:30 PM:** The investigation sheets (guesses of whodunit) are turned in to the host. After the sheets are collected, the guests may take turns accusing who they believe did it.
- 9:45 PM:** Dessert and coffee may be served at this time. The round three solutions are handed out to the guests. Each player presents their solution, and the murderer confesses at the end. Allow a few minutes for the guests to mingle at the end to discuss the mystery.
- 10:00 PM:** Another optional bonus game may be played &/or host an optional awards ceremony!

To shorten the mystery party, omit the bonus games, don't stop for dinner, omit the accusation round, and don't host an awards ceremony. Also, you can shorten the game even further by only having the required players read their solutions (or even just the murderer). If you wish to extend the length of the party, add more bonus games!

SAMPLE

NAME TAGS. Our suggestion is to print and place into plastic badge holders with pins or clips affixed to the back. However, feel free to simply print and place double-sided tape on the back for your guests to wear. Another option is to laminate the name tags and glue a pin / clip to the back.



EACH PLAYER WILL HAVE A NAME TAG IN THE PURCHASED GAME.

OPTIONAL PRE-GAME TASKS.

The following tasks are completely optional and exclusion of them does not alter the mystery in any way. However, it does lead to pre-game build up and excitement! Input your guests' information below. The usual method of contact is via email. Print the game and cut out the task cards and slip them into envelopes. Send about 1 week prior to the party.

CHARACTER S

OPTIONAL: FOR SOME PRE-PARTY FUN, CONTACT THE FOLLOWING GUESTS:

Contact the guest playing Character Y and say you like the quality of their steaks, but they are too expensive. Is there any chance Character Y will lower the prices anytime soon? If not, you may be forced to drive to a competitor across town to get your meat.

CONTACT INFO : _____

Contact the guest playing Character G and say you heard Character G was in town looking for business opportunities. Ask Character G if s/he has ever considered building a science museum. You'd be glad to run it for him/her if s/he decides to go in that direction!

CONTACT INFO : _____

**EACH PLAYER WILL HAVE A PRE-GAME TASK CARD IN THE PURCHASED GAME.
NAMES REMOVED TO MINIMIZE SPOILERS.**

ROUND ONE CLUE CARDS. Cut out, slip into envelopes and label with the appropriate round and character ✂

CHARACTER K ROUND ONE

CLUES TO REVEAL DURING THIS ROUND

During this round, mingle with other guests to discuss the following information with whomever you choose:

- Your school has the best-behaved students in the district. You receive awards from the superintendent!
- The students call you *Principal Loony* or the *Crazy Assassin* because of a cruel rumor somebody started years ago. It's passed down each year.
- Tell Character I that you suspend students that come to school with a Mohawk haircut. Character I's only getting the students in trouble when s/he cuts a Mohawk.
- The *Flour Bakery* is the best bakery in New Orleans. You'll be a spokesperson for Character H, if ever needed.

PERSONAL CLUES TO CONCEAL

- You think the kids at your high school have made you crazy, and you should be locked in an insane asylum. In fact, you've had doctors recommend that in the past, but you've made those doctors 'disappear' before they could file any official paperwork.
- You threaten your students sent to your office. You tell them you will murder their friends and family if they don't accept a transfer to another school in the district. To date, nobody has gone to the authorities, but Character G told the entire school when you did it to him/her many years ago. Nobody believed Character G, but you got the nicknames, nevertheless.

**EACH PLAYER WILL HAVE A ROUND ONE CARD IN THE PURCHASED GAME.
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ROUND TWO CLUE CARDS. ✂ cut out, slip into labeled envelopes with the appropriate character and round. To begin round two, pass out these envelopes to the guests.

CHARACTER W – ROUND TWO

Pre-Murder Clues

- Tell Character U that you heard that his/her reality show is more of a docu-series than a reality show. You understand it's about the mechanics of a butcher shop and not really about 'Character U.'
- Tell Character K you'll be quiet about the 'reduced calorie' cupcakes being the same recipe as the fattening cupcakes – their secret is safe with you and even safer with a \$20,000 retainer.
- Tell a few people that Character L is trying to blackmail you over losing his/her friend's parking ticket case. You could care less, as their 450,000 fans are 99% outside of New Orleans and most are overseas!

Post-Murder Evidence & Alibi (Blood Type B+)

- 🔍 Put together a timeline to see where everybody was prior to the murder.
- 🔍 You might have touched the murder weapon, as you remember seeing it on the bar in the ballroom. The bartender was using it earlier tonight.
- 🔍 You left the ballroom ~ 10 minutes prior to the body being discovered in the Amethyst Guest Bedroom. You were gone for ~ 2 minutes. You went to the library to see if the owner of the mansion had any law books. You were simply curious.
- 🔍 You run in your neighborhood every day, but don't know if you'd consider yourself 'strong.'

**EACH PLAYER WILL HAVE A ROUND TWO CARD IN THE PURCHASED GAME.
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FINAL ROUND CLUE CARDS. Cut out these clues and slip into labeled envelopes and seal them. Hand these out to the guests to begin round three.

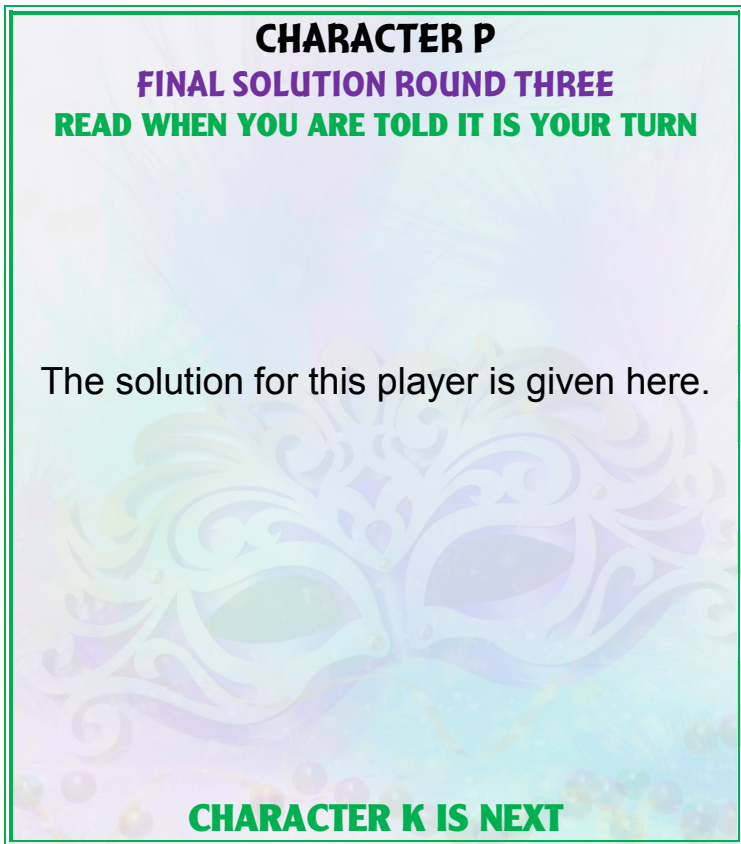


DO NOT VIEW THE FOLLOWING CARDS IF YOU WISH TO KEEP THE SURPRISE!

CHARACTER P
FINAL SOLUTION ROUND THREE
READ WHEN YOU ARE TOLD IT IS YOUR TURN

The solution for this player is given here.

CHARACTER K IS NEXT



**EACH PLAYER WILL HAVE A ROUND THREE SOLUTION CARD IN THE PURCHASED GAME.
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INVITED GUESTS

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(WHICH BECOMES A SUSPECT
LIST) WITH THE PURCHASED
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MENU SUGGESTIONS

Always ask for nutritional requirements of your guests with the RSVPs to determine if they have any allergies or objections to particular ingredients.

APPETIZERS:

MYSTERY STUFFED MUSHROOMS

ARTI'CHOKE' AND KALE DIP

FIRST COURSE:

MADISON AVENUE GUMBO

ENTREE:

JUMPIN' JAMBALAYA

SIDE:

FRIED GREEN TOMATOES

DESSERT:

KING CAKE

**THERE ARE MENU SUGGESTIONS
AND RECIPES IN THE PURCHASED
GAME.**

COCKTAILS FOR ADULTS:

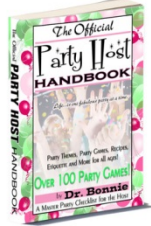
CARNIVAL PUNCH (omit for minors)

THE FLAMBEAU (omit for minors)

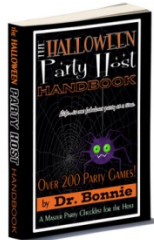
HURRICANE (a Nola classic) (omit for minors)

BONUS ACTIVITIES!

FOR 100 MORE PARTY GAMES AND MORE PARTY ADVICE, RECIPES, THEMES, ETIQUETTE AND MORE, PURCHASE THE OFFICIAL PARTY HOST HANDBOOK BY DR. BONNIE.



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THERE ARE BONUS GAMES (FREE ADD ON) WITH THE PURCHASED GAME.

SAMMY

Do not read the following two pages if you do not want to know the solution!
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THE ANSWERS LIE WITHIN:

THERE IS AN ANSWER KEY IN THE PURCHASED GAME.

SAMPLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR GAME:

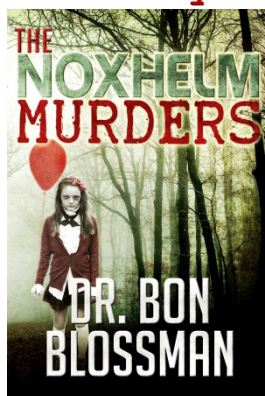
- Send your guests to the Your Mystery Party guest pre-game site at <http://YourMysteryParty.com/mask>
Note: if you use the expansion pack(s), you'll have a new link to the site including those players.
- Pinterest page: <https://goo.gl/Kb2Ltf> We have created a board for all of our games that includes theme-specific DIY party food and décor. To find the direct link to the Pinterest page, go back to the webpage where you purchased the game and scroll to the bottom of the page – you'll see the Pinterest board there. Click on it to enlarge and view the pins.
- Social media posts: #MyMysteryParty – no spoilers, please! Spoilers include any pictures or text of who the victim/murderer is, such as a decorated victim wearing their name tag in the photo. Please do not ruin the game for others.
- The game trailer video is located on the Your Mystery Party page.

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